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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0833

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

AMCONSUL CAN THO

AMCONSUL DANANG

AMCONSUL NHA TRANG

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMCONSUL AUCKLAND

AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 0685

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SUBJECT: CVT CHAIRMAN BUU CANCELS TRIP TO TOKYO, SINGAPORE,
AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND

REF: A) SAIGON 21551; B) SAIGON 21563; C) SAIGON 0609

1. ON JANUARY 15 VIETNAMESE LABOR LEADER AND CVT CHAIRMAN
TRAN QUOC BUU TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE VISIT-
ING TOKYO, SINGAPORE, CANBERRA, AND AUCKLAND THIS MONTH AS HE HAD
PLANNED (SEE REFS A AND B). BUU SAID HE HAS HAD SECOND THOUGHTS
ABOUT THE TRIP BECAUSE IT WAS TO BE FINANCED BY THE GVN (HOANG
DUC NHA'S GENERAL COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL INFORMATION) AND HE IS
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CONCERNED LEST TRAVELING UNDER THOSE AUSPICES MIGHT "COMPROMISE

THE INDEPENDENT IMAGE OF THE CVT." WHILE BUU IS NO DOUBT CONCERNED ABOUT THE CVT IMAGE, WE BELIEVE OTHER REASONS WERE PREVAILING, PRINCIPALLY AND INTERNAL CVT DISPUTE OVER ITS BOURGEONING SAIGON BUS LINE WHICH BUU MAY HAVE TO DEAL WITH PERSONALLY.

2. BUU ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE CVT WILL "NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE" THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JAN 15 (REF C). BUU SAID HE HAD SO INFORMED THE PALACE JAN 14 THROUGH LOWER HOUSE CHAIRMAN NGUYEN BA CAN, WHO HAD CALLED ON HIM TO ASCERTAIN HIS REACTIONS TO THE PROPOSED AMENDEMENTS. BUU MAY ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM TO REMAIN IN SVN THESE NEXT FEW WEEKS IN ORDER TO MONITOR CVT REACTION TO THE AMENDMENTS, BUT WE DOUBT THIS WAS A MAJOR FACTOR IN HIS DECISION NOT TO TRAVEL AT THIS TIME. MARTIN

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